

REMARKS

Claims 24-43 remain pending in the application, and claims 24 and 38 are amended to correct minor typographical errors (a colon is replaced with a semicolon in claim 24 and a misspelling is corrected in claim 38). The claims stand objected to, but are indicated to be in condition for allowance if various objections to the specification are addressed. Specifically, the Examiner has objected to the disclosure for containing typographical errors in paragraphs 0046 and 0053, and requests that the abstract be rewritten to be more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful reading of the specification. Applicant has amended the specification to correct the typographical errors in paragraphs 0046 and 0053, and to rewrite the abstract to address the Examiner's concerns. Applicant accordingly requests that the Examiner's objections to the specification be withdrawn in the Examiner's next action, and that claims 24-43 be formally allowed.

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